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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 40.3 degrees, 9.4 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, November 3. Precipitation averaged 0.51 inches, 0.12 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 40 points below normal.

Reporters rated 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, November 1. This is 1.9 days less than last year and 1.5 days less than the five-year average. Topsoil moisture was rated 9 percent very short, 21 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2002	4.0	5.8	149.5
2001	5.9	3.2	144.7
1997-2001 Average	5.5	5.2	153.6

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	9	21	62	8
Last Week	14	39	45	2
Same Week Last Year	2	11	73	14
1997-2001 Average	3	19	72	6

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3

Corn growers across the Buckeye State continued to make good progress with harvesting activities last week, despite numerous rain showers. An additional 18 percent of the State's **Corn** acreage was harvested, bringing the overall total to 75 percent. This is 10 percentage points above the five-year average and nearly eight days ahead of last year's pace. Combines are running 12 to 18 hours a day in many locations and grain dryers are running around the clock. Reported yields continued to be highly variable with many of the poorest fields having already been harvested as silage. This year's **Soybean** harvest is quickly coming to an end across the State with only 8 percent of the crop remaining in the fields as of Sunday evening. The current pace is slightly behind the five-year average, but two percentage points ahead of last year. Most of the acreage remaining to be harvested is double-cropped and late planted varieties. **Winter wheat** planting is virtually complete, with 87 percent of the acreage having emerged. Growers are currently top-dressing fields with fertilizer. Other agricultural activities taking place last week included harvesting apples, stripping tobacco, hauling manure, spreading lime, tilling soil, moving cattle to market and repairing fences.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Pasture conditions continue to improve but cooler fall temperatures are slowing growth. As of Sunday, 64 percent was rated in fair-to-good condition compared to 56 percent rated in these two categories the previous week. The State's livestock are rated in mostly good condition with no major problems reported. Livestock producers continue weaning calves and moving animals to winter pastures. Eighty-four percent of the winter wheat acreage is currently rated in fair-to-good condition. Recent rains have been very beneficial.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3

Crop	2002	2001	1997-01 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Corn harvested for grain	75	57	65	57	66
Fall & Winter Apples harvested	94	93	94	87	NA
Soybeans harvested	92	90	94	86	84
Tobacco stripped	34	26	23	26	NA
Winter wheat planted	98	93	97	95	89
Winter wheat emerged	87	78	82	72	74

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3

LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	1	4	21	62	12
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	12	21	37	27	3
	18	25	40	16	1
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	0	2	24	60	14
	0	2	27	56	15
	3	8	29	51	9

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	39.8	-8.8	0.10	-0.48	19.89	-3.77	1	-33	3385	268
North Central	39.6	-9.3	0.15	-0.51	22.02	-2.44	1	-34	3371	300
Northeast	37.5	-10.7	0.19	-0.50	24.45	-1.60	0	-35	3105	210
West Central	40.0	-9.7	0.40	-0.18	25.55	0.33	2	-38	3553	293
Central	40.7	-9.4	0.47	-0.14	25.08	-0.60	2	-41	3551	250
Central Hills	39.2	-9.5	0.35	-0.33	23.99	-1.86	1	-37	3343	291
Northeast Hills	38.5	-10.6	0.41	-0.27	23.28	-2.42	0	-40	3347	247
Southwest	41.6	-9.6	0.84	0.24	31.02	4.14	2	-45	3720	265
South Central	43.0	-8.7	1.14	0.51	28.05	2.43	4	-49	3765	250
Southeast	41.8	-8.5	0.80	0.16	26.92	1.11	3	-44	3553	257
STATE	40.3	-9.4	0.51	-0.12	25.18	-0.31	2	-40	3485	262

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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